

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 3-5, 7, 9 and 12-14 as follows:

A1 3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the method is applied to HIV, measles virus, influenza virus, murine leukaemia virus or mycoplasmas.

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the number of particles is determined by counting fluorescent particles under a fluorescence microscope.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein filipin is used as the polyene macrolide.

A2 7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein for quantitative determination, the number and/or concentration of fluorescent particles is compared to the known number and/or concentration of specified fluorescent particles.

A3 9. (Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein for comparison, inert fluorescent particles are specified.

A4 12. (Amended) Kit of parts according to claim 10, wherein the fluorescent particles of the reference standard are inert particles.

13. (Amended) Kit of parts according to claim 10, wherein the fluorescent particles of the reference standard are from 0.5 times to twice as large as, and especially about the same size as, the particles being quantified.